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Meeting Minutes - Final City Council Regular Meeting

Mayor Christian Price
Vice-Mayor Henry M. Wade Jr.
Councilmember Marvin L. Brown
Councilwoman Julia R. Gusse
Councilmember Vincent Manfredi
Councilmember Nancy Smith
Councilmember Rich Vitiello

Tuesday, September 17, 2019

7:00 PM

Council Chambers

1. Call to Order

The City Council Regular Meeting was called to order at 7:06 p.m. Reverend Arnold Jackson gave the invocation and Councilwoman Gussee led the meeting attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Roll Call

Present: 7 - Councilwoman Julia R. Gusse, Mayor Christian Price, Councilmember Nancy Smith, Councilmember Vincent Manfredi, Councilmember Rich Vitiello, Vice Mayor Henry Wade and Councilmember Marvin L. Brown

3. Proclamations, Acknowledgements and Awards

3.1 [PROC 19-06](#) Hispanic Heritage Month Proclamation

Mayor Price invited the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce to accept the Proclamation. He read the proclamation and proclaimed September 15 through October 15 as Hispanic Heritage Month in the City of Maricopa.

Councilwoman Gusse gave a brief statement in Spanish in honor of Hispanic Heritage Month. She introduced the dance group, Cuacualti and they performed a baillé folklorico. The meeting went into recess at 7:16 p.m. for a mariachi performance by Eloy High School band and refreshments. The meeting reconvened at 7:42 p.m.

4. Report from the Mayor

Councilmember Brown reported that members of Pinal County Water Augmentation Authority (PCWAA) attended the September 9th open meeting at the Babbit Center for Land and Water Policy. He stated it was held in conjunction with the Arizona Water Resources Research Center and that legislators were present.

Councilmember Smith reported on the latest Senior Lunch and Learn on finances. She stated the next one would be on Friday (September 20), presented by Susan Burke on the topic of pain and a 30 minute segment by Maricopa Unified School District (MUSD) Superintendent, Dr. Tracy Lopeman. She encouraged participation.

Vice Mayor Wade reported attending the 9/11 Memorial Service at the Copper Sky

Police Sub-Station, the 9/11 Flag Ceremony at Legacy Traditional School, and their breakfast for first responders.

Councilmember Vitiello reported also attending the 9/11 Memorial Service and thanked first responders for their service. He reported on the ribbon cutting ceremony for Wendy's on Friday, September 13.

Mayor Price reported speaking at Ak-Chin's Self-Governance Professionals Workshop and Strategy Session at the request of Chairman Robert Miguel on September 12. He emphasized on the importance of cultivating relationships.

5. Report from the City Manager

City Manager Horst, turned it over to Community Services Director, Nathan Ullyot. Mr. Ullyot announced that Public Services Director, Mike Riggs was the recipient of the Parks Professional Award from the Arizona Parks and Recreation Association (AZPRA). A brief video clip was played in recognition of Mr. Riggs.

6. Call to the Public

Dr. John Donahue and his wife May gave information on Kids Day Maricopa on Saturday, September 21, 2019. at Maricopa Middle Wells School from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. He gave details on the event and invited the community to attend.

Mayor Price invited the community to attend the Groundbreaking Ceremony for La Quinta on Friday, September 20 at 8 a.m. at Copper Sky and an Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) Board meeting at City Hall at 9 a.m.

7. Minutes

7.1 [MIN 19-60](#)

Approval of Minutes from the September 3, 2019 City Council Regular meeting.

Councilmember Smith asked to be recused due to her absence at the last meeting.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Wade, seconded by Councilwoman Gusse, that the Minutes be Approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Councilwoman Julia R. Gusse, Mayor Christian Price, Councilmember Vincent Manfredi, Councilmember Rich Vitiello, Vice Mayor Henry Wade and Councilmember Marvin L. Brown

Recused: 1 - Councilmember Nancy Smith

8. Consent Agenda

Approval of the Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Councilmember Nancy Smith, seconded by Councilmember Vincent Manfredi, to Adopt the Consent Agenda. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

8.1 [RES 19-41](#)

The Mayor and City Council shall discuss and possibly take action to ratify a Resolution of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Maricopa, Arizona supporting

the submission of a grant application to the Ak Chin Indian Community for funding NABI Foundation and agreeing to act as the designated fiscal agent if awarded funding. Discussion and Action.

This Resolution was Approved.

- 8.2 [RES 19-44](#) A Resolution of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Maricopa, Arizona, accepting public improvements and maintenance responsibility for the local internal streets within Parcel 15 of the Homestead North Subdivision. Discussion and Action.

This Resolution was Approved.

- 8.3 [RES 19-45](#) A Resolution of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Maricopa, Arizona, accepting public improvements and maintenance responsibility for the local internal streets within Parcel 18 of the Homestead North Subdivision. Discussion and Action.

This Resolution was Approved.

- 8.4 [RES 19-46](#) A Resolution of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Maricopa, Arizona, accepting public improvements and maintenance responsibility for the local internal streets within Parcel 1 of the Desert Passage Subdivision, as recorded as Smith Farms Parcel 1, Cabinet F Slide 080 of the Official Records of Pinal County. Discussion and Action.

This Resolution was Approved.

- 8.5 [CON 19-22](#) The Mayor and City Council shall discuss and possibly take action to ratify a Purchase and Sale Agreement and Escrow Instructions with Electrical District No. 3 of Pinal County, a political subdivision of the State of Arizona for the sale of 10.19 acres generally located at the Southeast corner of Edison Road and Estrella Gin Business Parkway, commonly known as the Estrella Gin Business Park, for \$1.38 per square foot. Discussion and Action.

This Contract was Approved.

- 8.6 [PUR 19-06](#) The Mayor and City Council shall discuss and possibly take action on approving the purchase of a 107' Pierce Ascendant Quint Fire Apparatus with funding from a lease purchase agreement with PNC finance (Pierce Financing Group) for a 3 year term. Payment funds (\$431,201.24 annually) will come from Fire DDIF monies in the city budget. To facilitate the first payment from fiscal year 2020 budget, a budget transfer will be necessary to move budget capacity from HURF (20055151-54432) of \$261,202 and General CIP (35022528-67742-32004) of \$170,000.00 to Fire DIF Fund (34422528-67742-32004). Discussion and Action

This Purchase was Approved.

- 8.7 [MISC 19-27](#) The Mayor and City Council shall discuss and possibly take action to approve a proposed amendment to the Youth Council. Discussion and Action.

This Miscellaneous Item was Approved.

9. **Regular Agenda and/or Public Hearings**

- 9.1 [ORD 19-13](#) An Ordinance of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Maricopa, Arizona, amending Section 2-82(1)(a)(1) of the City Code of Maricopa regarding Council established standing committees to combine the Cultural Affairs Committee and the Arts Committee. Discussion and Action.

Community Services Director, Nathan Ullyot explained that the Cultural Affairs Advisory Committee (CAAC) has struggled with attendance and meetings got canceled for lack of quorums. He stated staff could effectively combine the responsibilities of the CAAC with Arts Advisory Committee and elaborated. He opened the floor for comments and questions.

Councilwoman Gusse thanked Mr. Ullyot, Brandy Hughes and Erik Surber for the Hispanic Heritage Month programming for National Hispanic Heritage Month and asked if the Arts Committee would be taking over future cultural celebration programming. Mr. Ullyot explained that the committee would be taking more of an advisory role and elaborated. Councilwoman Gusse and Vice Mayor Wade reiterated thanks to Mr. Ullyot and his staff.

Mayor Price asked how the few participating committee members would be merged with the Arts Committee. Mr. Ullyot commended all members and responded that they would notify the two participating members and stated he was confident they would understand. He stated that one of them might want to fill the vacancy in the Arts Committee.

Councilmember Smith commended Mr. Ullyot and the adjustment of the committees. She encouraged celebrating all heritages in one event. Vice Mayor Wade stated that was the direction the committee wanted to take

A motion was made by Councilmember Brown, seconded by Vice Mayor Wade, that this Ordinance be Approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Councilwoman Julia R. Gusse, Mayor Christian Price, Councilmember Nancy Smith, Councilmember Vincent Manfredi, Councilmember Rich Vitiello, Vice Mayor Henry Wade and Councilmember Marvin L. Brown

10. Executive Session

11. Adjournment

A motion was made by Councilmember Vincent Manfredi, seconded by Councilmember Rich Vitiello, to Adjourn at 8:03 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

Certification of Minutes

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the minutes of the regular meeting of the City Council of Maricopa, Arizona, held on the 17th day of September, 2019. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 1st day of October, 2019.

Vanessa Bueras
City Clerk